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SUBJECT: NEW TERRORIST TRIAL IN DUESSELDORF

1. SUMMARY: A NEW TRIAL WAS OPENED IN DUESSELDORF AGAINST
THREE RELATIVELY UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, WHO ARE CHARGED WITH
MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, AN UNSUCCESSFUL
BOMB ATTACK, AN ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION AND A PLANNED BANK
ROBBERY. THE TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE AT THE END
OF FEB 1977.

WITNESSES AND 13 EXPERTS ARE TO BE HEARD. MOTIONS OF
THE DEFENSE CHARGING THE PRESIDING JUDGE WITH BIAS
WERE ABORTIVE. END SUMMARY.

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2. A NEW TERRORIST TRIAL WAS OPENED ON JAN 16, 1978
AT THE DUESSELDORF STATE SUPREME COURT. THE PROSECUTION
CHARGED THE UNEMPLOYED TEACHER GERHARD ALBARTUS (27),
THE UNEMPLOYED SOCIOLOGIST ENNO SCHWALL (27) AND SOCIO-
LOGIST HANS-JOACHIM SCHLEHUBER (28) WITH A VARIETY OF
TERRORIST RELATED CRIMES AND OFFENSES. IN CONTRAST TO

HIS TWO CO-DEFENDANTS, SCHLEHUBER IS NOT IN CUSTODY.

3. ALBARTUS AND SCHWALL ARE CHARGED WITH HAVING BEEN MEMBERS OF A QUOTE REVOLUTIONARY CELL-FIGHTERS FOR A FREE PALESTINE UNQUOTE, AND WITH PLANNING THE ABDUCTION OF RITA WASCHBUSCH, AT THAT TIME MINISTER (CDU) IN THE SAARLAND GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION THEY ARE ACCUSED OF HAVING PLACED A BOMB IN AN AACHEN CINEMA, TO STOP SHOWING OF THE ENTEBBE FILM ABOUT THE LIBERATION OF THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES, AND OF A BANK ROBBERY IN BOCHUM. SCHLEHUBER, WHO ALLEGEDLY KNEW OF SCHWALL'S MEMBERSHIP IN A REVOLUTIONARY CELL, IS CHARGED WITH BEING AN ACCESSORY TO FELONIES BY HAVING PROCURED ARMS AND OFFICIAL SEALS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE PLANNING OF THE ABOVE CRIMES.

4. THE DEFENSE CLAIMED THAT THE CHARGES WERE BASED PURELY ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AND SUBMITTED TWO MOTIONS OF BIAS AGAINST PRESIDING JUDGE KLAUS WAGER, WHICH WERE REJECTED. THE TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY. 77 WITNESSES AND 13 EXPERTS ARE TO BE HEARD.DUX

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